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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LD 1723 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 399 requires the owner of a manufactured housing community to provide written notice of a lot rent or fee increase to each owner of a manufactured home in the community. It provides an opportunity for the owners of manufactured homes in the community to request the owner of a manufactured housing community participate in, and pay for, mediation if at least 51% of the households in the community make such a request. If the manufactured housing community owner acts in bad faith with respect to the mediation, the proposed lot rent or fee increase does not go into effect for six months. If the owner of a manufactured housing community is not present at mediation or fails to send a representative with authority to reach agreement at the mediation, the owner of the manufactured housing community is deemed to have acted in bad faith.

LD 1733 An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 413 establishes the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to increase the availability of capital by financing loans to logging and fishing enterprises in this State. The interest rate for loans made under the program may not exceed 2%. Public Law 2025, chapter 413 provides that the Finance Authority of Maine may receive, invest and expend on behalf of the fund money in the Logging and Fishing Enterprise Loan Fund from gifts, grants and bequests as well as from state appropriations and allocations and that the authority may charge the fund its administrative costs. Public Law 2025, chapter 412 also directs the authority to incorporate certain information on the program into its annual report to the Legislature.

LD 1751 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Manufactured Housing Communities to Prevent Excessive Rent and Fees Increases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 393 changes the laws governing municipal preparation of a comprehensive plan and a growth management program under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2 in the following ways.

1. It updates terminology and adds a definition for “place type”.
2. It adds the following to the list of state goals for planning and regulatory actions of all state and municipal agencies affecting natural resource management, land use and development:
 - A. The protection of working lands, natural resources, and natural resource-based industries;